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SUBJECT: OAS WRAP-UP 1/76

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1. PERMANENT COUNCIL CONTINUES PROCESS OF RECONSIDERING
DRAFT TEXT OF NEW CHARTER AT DAILY SESSIONS ATTENDED
BY MOST OAS AMBASSADORS. U.S. AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER
MADE IN LAST TWO WEEKS HAVE MET MORE RECEPTIVITY THAN
EARLIER ONES DISCUSSED IN STATE 299853. SIZEABLE SECTION
OF NEARLY MEANINGLESS VERBIAGE REMOVED FROM ARTICLE 3
AT OUR INSTANCE WAS ONE NOTABLE SUCCESS. GIVEN SLOW
BUT STEADY PACE OF PERMANENT COUNCIL REVIEW, WE EXPECT
FINAL VERSION OF CHARTER TO EMERGE BY LATE MARCH/EARLY
APRIL.

2. MEANWHILE, OUR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO REFOCUS ATTENTION
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OF KEY LA FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THOROUGHGOING REFORM OF

OAS INSTEAD OF DESULTORY REPRISAL OF CEESI DISAGREEMENTS. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD IS CURRENTLY VISITING HALF-DOZEN CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CAPITALS TO TEST REACTION TO SEVERAL PROPOSALS SKETCHED OUT IN STATE 018860. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WILL ALSO TAKE UP OAS REFORM QUESTION AMONG OTHER TOPICS IN CURRENT VISITS TO MANAGUA, SAN JOSE AND CARACAS. BACKGROUND/TALKING POINTS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR SECRETARY'S USE IN FEBRUARY.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA REACTED WELL TO OUR COMPLAINT THAT PETTY MISUSES THE OAS FORUM TO VILIFY THE US. AMBASSADOR JORDEN REPORTS THAT TORRIJOS HAS INSTRUCTED PETTY TO STOP ATTACKS IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. TIME WILL TELL HOW UNEQUIVOCAL WERE TORRIJOS' INSTRUCTIONS OR IF PETTY OBEYS THEM.

4. OAS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES RESUMED WORK JANUARY 21. LIKELIHOOD OF PROGRESS DECREASED IMMEDIATELY WHEN OPEN SPLIT APPEARED AMONG LATINS OVER WHETHER TO DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT IN OAS FORUM OR DEBATE QTE STUDY OF PRINCIPLES UNQTE AND LEAVE CODE DRAFTING TO UN FORUM. MEXICO, SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY, HAS EMPHASIZED NEED FOR PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC APPROACH, IN WHICH WE CONCUR. SEVERAL OTHER LA DELEGATIONS HAVE EVIDENCED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH STRIDENT EMOTIONALISM OF PERU AND PANAMA. OAS WORKING GROUP ON TNES HAS FEBRUARY 20 DEADLINE. INGERSOL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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